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1. ELYSEE SOURCE CONFIRMS REPORTS CITED REFTEL THAT PONAMAREX USED HEAVY-FISTED, COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TACTICS IN HIS RECENT VISIT TO FRANCE AND THAT IN APPEARANCE BEFORE PARLIAMENT'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMISSION, COUVE DE MURVILLE HAD INDEED BEEN FORCED TO RESPOND WITH "CONSIDERABLE FIRMNESS." ELYSEE SOURCE COMMENTED THAT SOVIETS EVIDENTLY STILL THOUGHT "INTIMIDATION TACTICS" HAD A ROLE. IN FACT, SOURCE CONFIDENTIAL

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CONTINUED, NO NEW IDEAS HAD EMERGED DURING PONOMAREV VISIT AND FRENCH-SOVIET RELATIONS REMAIN IN PERIOD OF IMPASSE. QUAI'S SOVIET DESK CONVEYS SIMILAR IMPRESSION, ADDING ONLY THAT DE GUIRINGAUD VISIT TO MOSCOW IS LIKELY SOMETIME IN EARLY PART OF NEXT YEAR IN PART TO PREPARE FOR EXPECTED BREZHNEV VISIT IN MAY

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2. RIGIDITY OF PONOMAREV'S PRESENTATION, AS WELL AS HINT OF IRRITATED FRENCH REACTION ALSO SHINES THROUGH IN LONG PONOMAREV ARTICLE ON SOVIET DISARMAMENT POSITION PUBLISHED LE MONDE OF DECEMBER 16, OREFACED BY EDITORIAL INTRODUCTION. INTRODUCTION NOTES THAT COUVE "GAVE PONOMAREV TO UNDERSTAND" THAT RESPONSI-BILITY FOR ARMAMENTS RACE DOES NOT REST ON FRANCE. SUBSTANTIVELY, PONOMAREV ARTICLE FOLLOWS STANDARD LINES. WE ARE POUCHING COPIES EMBASSY MOSCOW AND DEPARTMENT FOR SOV.
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